

YOUR GOVERNMENT, ITS COUNCIL MEMBERS, AND THEIR GOALS

A Message from Mayor Will Ibershof

With the changing economy, many cities are trying to do more with less or just less with less. Our city always strives to do more with less and has done so for a few years now. The model we started in 2009 and are continuing to work on for 2010 is a model of focusing on priorities. These priorities are being refined and each one will have a set of goals that can, and will be measured, so that we can make sure that we are investing your money in the right way and getting the right results that benefit our community.

This process is part of how we want to make your government work as efficiently as possible and is something that is evolving and improving as we go. If you have any questions on the different goals or priorities, please reach out to me or the different City Councilmembers.

The following is a list of our City's Council Committees and which City Councilmembers serve on those Committees.

LAND USE COMMITTEE: Chair – Amy Ockerlander; Gary Gill, and Elizabeth Walker

Goals: Livable Community that is Family-Friendly

- Enhance livability throughout the community
 - Ensure new development is consistent with new Parks Trails and Open Space plans as adopted by Council in 2009
 - Review requests for code amendments, Comprehensive Plan amendments, and annexations to ensure alignment with City's vision
 - Maintain strong partnerships in order to maintain natural resources
- Affordability through promotion of diverse housing and retail stock
 - Proximity of density, consider up-zoning for multi-family housing
 - Review design guidelines for residential, commercial, mixed use, light industrial development consistent with the Vision and Comprehensive Plan
 - Continue cultivation of partnerships with entities seeking to provide diversity and housing affordability within the community
- Small Town Feel - Creating a sense of place
 - Encourage good design through research and model communities
 - Promote neighborhoods and village centers
 - Practice sound long-range planning that establishes a community layout consistent with the Vision, Comprehensive Plan, and the Annexation Plan

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Chair – Glen Kuntz; Vicki Edwards, and Amy Ockerlander

Goals:

- Main Street project completion
- Transportation plan completion
- 275th street sidewalk improvements
- Mid-town connectivity (Coe – Clemens creek pedestrian safety)
- Sewer maintenance I & I inspections

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: Chair – Vicki Edwards; Gérard Cattin, and Glen Kuntz

Goals:

- Safe City
 - Crime prevention
 - Fire prevention
 - Disaster preparedness

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE (continued)

- Injury prevention
- Animal Control

FINANCE/ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE: Chair – Gérard Cattin; Gary Gill, and Dianne Brudnicki

Goals: Open and Accountable Government

- Provide meaningful, accurate, consumable, financial data and analysis to citizens and other stakeholders in accordance with the City's financial policies
 - Develop effective financial policies and procedures.
- Ensure that adequate operating and contingency reserves are provided for and available to provide funding during difficult economic periods.
 - Fund Contingency Reserve to the legal limit as allowed by RCW35A.33.145 if adequate resources are available to do so.
 - Evaluate the appropriate level of reserves for each fund and establish a program to fund each reserve within the next two years.
- Facilitate the reduction on consumption of paper products by converting distribution of Council packets and other information via electronic media.
 - Evaluate providing Council members and Senior Management Staff with laptop computers where necessary.
 - Evaluate internet access from Council meeting sites to access electronic information and media.
 - Evaluate modification of City's IT systems to provide electronic media through SharePoint Services type of application.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE: Chair – Elizabeth Walker; Amy Ockerlander, and Dianne Brudnicki

Goal: Promote a vibrant local economy that contributes to a stable tax base and provides goods and services for residents, employers, and visitors that ensures community resilience

- Conduct a full assessment of our economic opportunities
 - Future Duvall survey report – Why do residents spend their money outside of Duvall?
 - Community Visioning with Chamber, local businesses, and other community partners – What does a vibrant Duvall look like?
- Raise awareness of our economic strengths
 - Review of the Economic Development Strategic Plan – What is relevant in the “new economy”?
- Filter objectives and opportunities through a strategic framework for long-term economic stability

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